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Dear Parents/Carers

Following announcements this week, and confirmation in guidance to schools from the DFE we have a bit more certainty of what September may look like for our school. I am very mindful of the swift changes we have needed to make over the last two academic years so we will also be ready with our contingency plans!

Although some changes are set to take place from the 19th July 2021, we will **not** be making any changes to our risk assessments and procedures before the end of term. With the rapidly rising rates of infection around us and isolations required we wish to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible before the end of term.

Please continue to wear a face covering when on the school site and stick strictly to drop off and collection times and entrances.

From September, it is advised that 'Bubbles' will end, social distancing will no longer be necessary and we will no longer need to stagger start and finish times.

From 16th August the legal requirement to self-isolate for positive cases will end for all under 18yrs and adults who have been fully vaccinated. The NHS test and trace will at that point take over all contact tracing in school. Children will still be required to self-isolate if they have symptoms or a positive test result.

Protective measures will remain in place for the autumn term, including practicing good hygiene, ventilation and regular testing for staff.

We will obviously be keeping a very close eye on developments over the summer and will keep you informed of any changes and preparations for reopening in September.

Thank you for your support over the last couple of years, and particularly over the last few weeks which have been extremely challenging for us with the rise of cases and implications for pupils and staff.

I look forward to happier and more settled times ahead for our Newburgh community!

Kind regards

Mrs Simpkins
Headteacher

